MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, there were graduate officers of this grade and of superior grades.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Then, may I know how the Government was enabled to find out that he was most suitable for the place?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is a matter of Government's discretion. Government consider that to be the case.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Do the Government consider him superior to the graduate officers of his grade and of higher grades?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is only in relation to the particular appointment that the answer has been given. This supplementary question is a general one.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether Mr. Gopala Aiyangar is senior to him in service and pay?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I wish to know how this arises as a supplementary question.

PRESIDENT: It does not arise as a supplementary question.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Government have laid down any test for the competency or superior ability of an individual?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): They know it from actual experience of the work of the officer concerned.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Then, may I know why his exceptional abilities were not recognised by the previous administration?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not for me to answer that question.

Principle of Nominations to the Legislative Council.

371. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state on what guiding principle the nominations were made to the Legislative Council?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The main guiding principle was to nominate members to represent minorities, interests and communities that failed to secure representation by election.

MR. K. P NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether there are minorities, among Hindu communities, that fail to secure representation, by election, in the Council?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information just now. I must enquire and find that out.

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